

PSHA Committee on Dysphagia

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Ken Crest Services
Plymouth Meeting, PA

Present: Deb Diraddo, Lisa McCarty, Jim Lemma, Pip Shafer, Joy McGowan, Anne Pittenger, Pam Smith

Jim Lemma called the meeting to order at 16:10.

1. The history of our committee was reviewed for Lisa McCarty, who joined the group from Capital Area I.U.. Welcome!

2. Pam provided a SID 13 update.

Membership committee: Conducted a survey at convention to survey members about their utilization of benefits of Division 13, and for nonmembers to survey their knowledge about the benefits of division membership. Data are being compiled at present.

Mentor Program ? "Build a Legacy" ? the division has a sponsorship program whereby Div 13 members can sponsor a student for division membership by paying the \$10 fee. It might be good for a student intern, to "get them on the right track" of staying involved with dysphagia and the division.

Dysphagia Curriculum Task Force ? recently was established. They will be working on recommendations for graduate curriculum.

3. CEU for March ? Oral Motor Panel. "Oral Motor Show and Tell." March 9; 4-6. This event will not be teleconferenced. Joy and Jim will facilitate. Everyone is asked to bring all their oral motor therapy approaches and have a panel discussion. Pam will make the flyer using bios from prior workshops.

4. CEU for May: Pharmacology. May 11 4-6pm. The goal is to have this workshop teleconferenced. There is a new conference room at Abington with multiple capabilities. Discussion about the time for CEU activities. Temple did a survey of people's preferred times for CEU events. No real preference for a time emerged. For a web cast or teleconference, we will need to have a site coordinator for CEUs. An Allentown area site or BCIU might be good alternatives, especially if teleconferencing is used as that equipment would probably be easier to set up. Pam will contact Lehigh Valley Hospital to inquire about using them as a northern site.

5. PSHA: The program is now online. http://psha.org/convention_program.htm
Preconvention is no longer a dysphagia topic; it'll be Jack Katz; auditory processing Scary videos presentation accepted; it is Friday 4 ? 5pm.
Has anyone been contacted about local arrangements?? (no)
There will not be roundtables this year. Members commented that they enjoyed the discussions at the roundtables; the reason for this change in program this year is not known.

Perhaps members of the committee would like to get together sometime during convention. Lunch hours are free; there is also the President's Reception from 5-7 on Friday.

6. Specialty recognition. Web link: <http://www.swallowingdisorders.org/>
Jim mentioned a workshop for preparation for specialty recognition. There was a web forum on the ASHA web site; the transcript should be available. Discussion followed about the requirements for specialty recognition. There are very few people who have obtained this recognition.

7. A graduate thesis project that was to focus on pediatric issues has been cancelled. There is another project focusing on videofluoroscopy procedures.

8. Position vacancies announced at Abington and Montgomery Hospitals. General discussion about salary issues for new grads and the more "seasoned" clinicians.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:20.

Respectfully submitted,

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